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Idaho Milk Production Up 8.9 Percent

Idaho milk production during March 2003 totaled 731 million pounds, an 8.9 percent increase from the same month last year and 12.5 percent more than February 2003. Revised production for February 2003 totaled 650 million pounds, up 1.4 percent from the preliminary estimate and 7.3 percent above February 2002. Average milk production per cow in March 2003 was 1,850 pounds, 90 pounds more than March 2002 and 200 pounds above February 2003. The average number of milk cows during March was 395,000 head, an increase of 1,000 head from the previous month and 14,000 head more than March 2002.

Nationally, March milk production in the 20 major States totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from production in these same States in March 2002. February revised production, at 11.6 billion pounds, was up 1.6 percent from February 2002. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,664 pounds for March 2003, 10 pounds above March 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.81 million head, 67,000 head more than March 2002, and 2,000 head more than February 2003.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, March 2002-2003

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2003 As Percent of 2002
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	143	150	2,250	2,155	322	323	100
California	1,631	1,691	1,830	1,825	2,985	3,086	103
Florida	151	147	1,505	1,515	227	223	98
IDAHO	381	395	1,760	1,850	671	731	109
Illinois	115	113	1,620	1,670	186	189	102
Indiana	153	145	1,495	1,565	229	227	99
Iowa	209	203	1,615	1,640	338	333	99
Kentucky	123	120	1,245	1,150	153	138	90
Michigan	295	299	1,730	1,755	510	525	103
Minnesota	490	480	1,560	1,555	764	746	98
Missouri	138	131	1,335	1,340	184	176	96
New Mexico	293	315	1,830	1,835	536	578	108
New York	675	686	1,565	1,540	1,056	1,056	100
Ohio	261	260	1,500	1,500	392	390	99
Pennsylvania	581	585	1,630	1,600	947	936	99
Texas	309	312	1,605	1,650	496	515	104
Vermont	154	151	1,530	1,530	236	231	98
Virginia	120	118	1,450	1,370	174	162	93
Washington	247	248	1,930	1,960	477	486	102
Wisconsin	1,276	1,263	1,510	1,540	1,927	1,945	101
20 STATE TOTAL	7,745	7,812	1,654	1,664	12,810	12,996	101

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

April Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on April 1 totaled 49.0 million cwt, 4.00 million cwt more than on hand April 1, 2002. Disappearance, at 84.4 million cwt, is up from last year's 75.2 million cwt but below 2000's 90.8 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 2.80 million cwt, above last year's 2.40 million cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 46.2 million cwt, was 3.60 million cwt more the amount stored on April 1, 2002.

The 15 major potato storage States held 125 million cwt of potatoes on April 1, 2003, up 4 percent from last year but 19 percent below 2001. Storage accounts for 30 percent of the 2002 fall storage States' production, down 1 percentage point from last year. Disappearance, at 286 million cwt, from the start of the harvest in 2002 to April 1, is up 7 percent from the same period last year but 6 percent below two years ago.

Fall Potatoes: Production & Stocks 1997-2002 Idaho & 15 Fall States

Crop Year	Production	Total Stocks						
		Dec 1	Following Year					
			Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1 1/
IDAHO	1,000 Cwt.							
1997	140,314	102,000	91,500	81,000	69,500	56,000	41,500	
1998	138,000	99,500	89,000	77,500	66,000	52,000	37,000	23,000
1999	133,330	96,000	86,000	76,500	65,000	50,000	36,000	21,000
2000	152,320	111,000	101,000	87,500	76,500	61,500	47,000	26,500
2001	120,200	87,500	78,000	68,000	58,000	45,000	32,500	18,500
2002	133,385	92,000	82,500	72,500	62,000	49,000		
15 STATES 2/								
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,240
2001	387,179	258,750	224,680	192,190	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	410,912	265,890	232,140	197,470	163,900	125,030		

1/ Stocks not available prior to 1998. 2/ See table below for listing of 15 states.

Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held By Growers, Processors and Local Dealers on April 1, 2002 and April 1, 2003 1/

State	Crop of 2001			Crop of 2002		
	Production	Total Stocks April 1, 2002	April 1 Stocks As % Of Production	Production	Total Stocks April 1, 2003	April 1 Stocks As % Of Production
	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	1,424	300	21	4,450	600	13
Colorado	21,357	7,300	34	27,885	9,500	34
Idaho	120,200	45,000	37	133,385	49,000	37
Maine	16,430	5,300	32	16,960	6,300	37
Michigan	13,950	1,500	11	13,878	2,800	20
Minnesota	18,425	6,100	33	18,700	6,100	33
Montana	3,296	1,790	54	3,224	1,800	56
Nebraska 2/	8,400			8,611		
New York	5,942	300	5	5,500	300	5
N. Dakota	26,400	10,400	39	23,460	7,000	30
Ohio 2/	1,097			1,008		
Oregon	20,730	8,500	41	24,936	7,500	30
Pennsylvania	3,173	300	9	2,590	350	14
Washington	94,400	25,000	26	95,200	25,500	27
Wisconsin	31,955	6,700	21	31,125	6,200	20
Other States		1,460			2,080	
15 STATES	387,179	119,950	31	410,912	125,030	30

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2002 totaled 29.3 million cwt.

2/ Combined into "Other States"

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 14 Percent

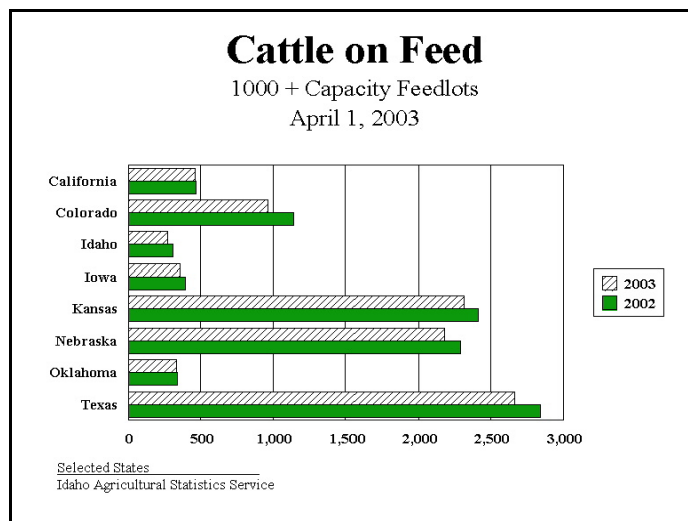
Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on April 1, 2003 totaled 280,000 head, down 14 percent from the April 1, 2002 inventory. The inventory was unchanged from the number on hand as of March 1, 2003.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March totaled 58,000 head, down 12,000 head from March 2002 placements. Marketings during March totaled 57,000 head, down 2,000 from the March 2002 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.70 million head on April 1, 2003. The inventory was 8 percent below April 1, 2002 and 7 percent below April 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 2.04 million, 5 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001. Net placements were 1.98 million.

During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 276,000, 600-699 pounds were 390,000, 700-799 pounds were 744,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 632,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.80 million, 1 percent below 2002 and 6 percent below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 62,000 during March, 10 percent below 2002 and 37 percent below 2001.



Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	April 1, 2002	March 1, 2003	April 1, 2003		
			Number	As % of 2002	As % of March
	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
Arizona	314	279	278	89	100
California	485	470	470	97	100
Colorado	1,120	990	970	87	98
Idaho	325	280	280	86	100
Iowa	395	*365	365	92	100
Kansas	2,420	2,240	2,320	96	104
Nebraska	2,300	2,190	2,190	95	100
New Mexico	113	112	105	93	94
Oklahoma	360	320	340	94	106
South Dakota	220	215	215	98	100
Texas	2,900	2,560	2,670	92	104
Washington	230	180	180	78	100
Other States	395	325	320	81	98
United States	11,577	*10,526	10,703	92	102

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. *Revised.

Idaho Foodsize Trout Sales Decrease

Idaho foodsize trout sales during 2002 totaled \$29.9 million, down 13 percent from the \$34.4 million in 2001. The number of foodsize fish sold was 38.0 million, down 5 percent from the 40.0 million sold a year ago. Total pounds sold were 37.4 million pounds, compared to 39.5 million pounds in 2001.

The total sales for all foodsize trout, in the 20 selected States reached \$58.3 million dollars during 2002, a 9 percent decrease from the \$64.4 million received in 2001. The number of foodsize

trout sold during 2002 totaled 50.2 million fish, down 8 percent from the previous year. A total of 54.5 million pounds were sold in 2002, compared to the 56.9 million pounds in 2001. Based on the dollar value, 69 percent of the foodsize trout in the 20 selected States were sold to processors and 20 percent were sold to fee and recreational fishing establishments. In Idaho, 99 percent of the foodsize trout were sold to processors.

Idaho Red Meat Production Declines Slightly

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for March 2003 totaled 47.5 million pounds, down less than 1 percent from last year. March production was up 4 percent from February's 45.8 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-March 2003 period totaled 149 million pounds, up 2 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.70 billion pounds in March, up 1 percent from the 3.68 billion pounds produced in March 2002. Beef production, at 2.05 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, up 1 percent from March 2002. The average live weight was 1,234 pounds, down 7 pounds from March a year

ago. Pork production totaled 1.62 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.15 million head, 2 percent above March 2002. The average live weight was 268 pounds, up 1 pound from March a year ago. Lamb and mutton production, at 18.2 million pounds, was down 18 percent from March 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 264,100 head, 19 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, unchanged from March a year ago. January-March red meat production was 11.27 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, pork was up 2 percent, and lamb & mutton production was down 15 percent

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States 1/

State	March 2002	February 2003	March 2003	March 2003 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				March 2002	February 2003
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	103.9	106.5	115.1	111	108
Colorado	164.9	155.3	154.4	94	99
IDAHO	47.6	45.8	47.5	100	104
Illinois	208.3	188.4	201.6	97	107
Iowa	503.2	485.4	519.2	103	107
Kansas	470.3	429.1	446.4	95	104
Minnesota	181.0	180.5	191.0	106	106
Montana	1.3	1.3	1.3	104	98
Nebraska	564.9	538.5	560.3	99	104
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	132	107
Oklahoma	78.5	72.8	78.5	100	108
Oregon	3.4	3.4	3.7	107	106
South Dakota	73.6	76.4	80.4	109	105
Texas	366.8	335.5	369.2	101	110
Utah	36.5	38.7	40.1	110	104
Washington	43.4	41.2	45.3	104	110
Wyoming	0.4	0.5	0.4	103	92
UNITED STATES	3,677.7	3,496.5	3,701.5	101	106

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.